

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC.,)
VERIZON SOUTH INC.)
CHAMPAIGN CELLTELCO)
D/B/A CINGULAR)
WIRELESS)
)
Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc.)
Verizon South Inc. and)
Champaign CellTelCo d/b/a Cingular)
Wireless)
Pursuant To 47 U.S.C. § 252 (i))
Regarding Adoption)
of an Interconnection Agreement)

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND
CHAMPAIGN CELLTELCO D/B/A CINGULAR WIRELESS. REGARDING
ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. (collectively (“Verizon”)), and Champaign CellTelCo d/b/a Cingular Wireless (“Cingular”), Joint Petitioners, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(i), petition the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding the adoption of an interconnection agreement between Verizon and Cingular, on the following grounds:

1. Joint Petitioners Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. are telecommunication carriers within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq. and each is authorized to provide and is currently providing, intraMSA exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to customers within certain certificated areas of the State of Illinois.

2. Cingular represents that it is a FCC-licensed provider of two-way wireless service in the State of Illinois and that its adoption will cover services only in the State of Illinois.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (“Act”), Cingular notified Verizon that it desired to adopt the terms of the interconnection agreement (the “Agreement”) between Verizon and Nextel West Corp. (“Nextel”) approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission”). Subsequent to this, Verizon and Cingular signed a letter relating to Cingular’s adoption of the terms of the Nextel Agreement. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 1.

4. Section 252(i) of the Act provides:

(i) Availability to other telecommunications carriers:

A local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.

The Commission approved the Agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Federal Act. Accordingly, per Section 252(i) of the Federal Act, Cingular has the right to adopt the Agreement’s terms.¹

¹ Verizon is submitting this petition pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to notify the Commission of the adoption described herein. With respect to the prior applications of this nature, the Commission has elected to treat the adopted terms as a negotiated agreement. Because Section 252(i) requires the adoption to be implemented as a matter of law, Verizon does not agree with the Commission’s characterization of these adoptions as negotiated agreements. Nonetheless, Verizon shall abide by the adopted terms in accordance with, and subject to, the adoption letter executed by Verizon that is being submitted with this application as Exhibit 1.

5. Subject to the terms of the letter, there are no outstanding issues between Verizon and Cingular relating to such adoption.

6. As stated in the Statement in Support of an Adoption of Interconnection Agreement, attached as Exhibit 2, Verizon will continue to make the arrangements set forth in the Agreement available on the same terms and conditions to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois to the extent required and permitted under Section 252(i) of the Federal Act. Therefore, this filing is not discriminatory. THEREFORE, Verizon and Cingular respectfully submit this Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement on this _____ day of _____ 2002.

VERIZON NORTH INC.
VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CHAMPAIGN CELLTELCO D/B/A
CINGULAR WIRELESS

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